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**State Government & Tribal Affairs**  
**Committee**

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**SB 5071**

**Brief Description:** Designating the Olympic marmot the official endemic mammal of the state of Washington.

**Sponsors:** Senator Jacobsen.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Designates the Olympic Marmot as the state endemic mammal.

**Hearing Date:** 3/24/09

**Staff:** Pam Madson (786-7111)

**Background:**

The state of Washington confers an official designation on various symbols in a number of categories. Washington has an official state tree, grass, flower, fruit, marine mammal, bird, fish, insect, and fossil.

The Olympic Marmot is a mammal endemic only to the State of Washington. Olympic Marmots inhabit the Olympic Peninsula in the western part of Washington. They hibernate from September to May but are highly social animals that are relatively easy to see in the summer months.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Olympic Marmot is designated as the official state endemic mammal.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.